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Foreword

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continued its progress in protecting public health, welfare, and the environment through the Superfund program in fiscal year 1994 (FY94). As the Superfund program completed its fourteenth year, the Agency had begun work at 94 percent of the 1,355 sites on the National Priorities List (NPL), and completed construction on 278 of them. EPA is pleased to submit this Report documenting the fiscal year's achievements.

Through administrative improvements implemented during the year, the Agency accelerated the pace of cleanup, enhanced the fairness of the Superfund program, reduced transaction costs, and expanded public involvement. The Agency also focused on these aspects of the program as it drafted legislative amendments introduced as the Superfund Report Act of 1994.

Section 301(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, or Superfund), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, requires the Agency to report annually on response activities and accomplishments and to compare remedial and enforcement activities with those undertaken in previous fiscal years. During the fiscal year, the Agency or potentially responsible parties (PRPs) started approximately 70 remedial investigation/feasibility studies, 110 remedial designs (RDs), and 120 remedial actions (RAs). PRPs began 75 percent of these RDs and RAs. Continuing its successful efforts to compel PRPs to undertake cleanup, EPA entered into 230 enforcement agreements worth more than \$1.4 billion in response work. The Agency and PRPs have also now undertaken more than 3,660 removal actions, including approximately 310 during FY94. Federal facility accomplishments have shown dramatic increases; 129 of the 150 federal facility sites listed as final on the NPL are now covered by interagency agreements for clean-up activities. EPA also continued to encourage public involvement in the Superfund process, to enhance partnerships with states and Indian tribes, and to encourage the use and development of treatment technologies. These three aspects of the program were highlighted in the Agency's administrative improvement initiative.

In addition to providing an overall perspective on progress in the past fiscal year, this Report contains the information Congress specifically requested in Section 301(h) of CERCLA, including a report on the status of remedial actions and enforcement activity in progress at the end of the fiscal year and an evaluation of newly developed feasible and achievable treatment technologies. The Report also includes a description of current minority firm participation in Superfund contracts and EPA's efforts to encourage increased participation, as required by Section 105(f). The Report fulfills the requirement of Section 301(h)(1)(E) by providing an update on progress being made at sites subject to review under Section 121(c). Appendix D consists of a matrix that charts the progress of EPA and other government organizations in meeting Superfund-related statutory requirements. This Report also satisfies certain reporting requirements of CERCLA Section 120(e)(5), the *EPA Annual Report to Congress: Progress Toward Implementing CERCLA at EPA Facilities as Required by CERCLA Section 120(e)(5)*. The EPA Inspector General's report on the reasonableness and accuracy of the information in this Report, as required by CERCLA Section 301(h)(2), is included as Appendix E.

Appendix G is included to give an overall summary of the Superfund Program in fiscal years 1992 through 1994.

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